it to something beyond or above it;* and afterwards proceeds to consider the conduct of those who build their practical and devotional discourses upon principles which will not bear the test,-but which oblige them to lay down such assertions of morality, as sober and well-disposed Christians cannot understand to be practicable* And here she applies herself to the examination of Mr* John NorrisV scheme iu his Practical Discourses and other treatises, wherein he maintains, that "mankind are obliged strictly* as their duty, to love, with desire, nothing but God only, every degree of desire of any creature whatsoever being sinful:*' which assertion Mr* Norris defends upon this ground, that God, not the creature, is the immediate efficient cause of our sensations; for whatsoever gives us pleasure has a right to our love: but God only gives us pleasure, therefore he only has a right to our love. This hypothesis is considered with great accuracy and in* genuity by Lady Mashani, and the bad consequences of it represented in a strong light* Her Discourse was translated into French by Mr. Peter Coste, and printed at Amsterdam, ip 1705* She lies buried in the cathedral church of Bath* where a monument is erected to her memory, with the following inscription:

[4]<Near this place lies Dame DAMARIS MASHAM, daughter of Ralph Cud worth, D. D. and second wife of Sir Francis Mashani, of Oates[f] ia the county of Essex, Bart, who to the softness and

* P. a, 4,6, r;
* P. 7.
[c] This difiiie borrowed his hypothecs from Father